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SUBJ: TRADE POLICY TEAM VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY WELCOMES PROPOSED CONSULTATIONS BUT BELIEVES THESE SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING CONSULTATIVE SUB-GROUP ON TRADE. EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE TO GOB MEETING OF SUB-GROUP DURING AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S PROJECTED VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY GRATIFIED BY AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S PROJECTED VISIT. HOWEVER, CASE OF BRAZIL IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF OTHER POSTS (NOT UNLIKE THAT OF MEXICO) IN THAT THERE EXISTS AN AGREED WELL-FUNCTIONING BILATERAL MECHANISM, THE SUB-GROUP ON TRADE, WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE COVERING THE SCOPE OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA. AS WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE AWARE, THE GROUP IS TO MEET EVERY SIX MONTHS, ALTERNATING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA, TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE MTN AS WELL AS THE STATUS OF CURRENT BILATERAL ISSUES. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEXT SUCH MEETIN SHOULD BE HELD IN BRASILIA, IN SEPTEMBER,

THUS FALLING WITHIN THE TIME FRAME OF AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S  
PROJECTED VISIT.

3. WE CONSIDER IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE MOMENTUM OF THE  
BILATERAL TRADE CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM ON TRADE AS NOW INSTI-  
TUTIONALIZED BE MAINTAINED.

4. CONSULTATIONS STRICTLY AD HOC, AS NOW PROPOSED BY REFTTEL,  
IGNORING THE CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURE FORESEEN FOR THIS  
PURPOSE, WOULD LEAVE THE GOB PUZZLED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER  
HAS A CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AT STAKE IN THE ESTABLISHED  
CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM, AND, WE BELIEVE, WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS  
WITH BROAD MTN AD HOC CONSULTATIONS OUTSIDE THIS AGREED FRAMEWORK.  
ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE:

(A) EMBASSY WILL ADVISE THE GOB OF AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S  
PROJECTED VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
SECRETARY'S STATEMENT BEFORE THE OASGA, PROPOSING THAT AMBAS-  
ADOR YEUTTER'S PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO BRASILIA BE THE OCCASION  
FOR HOLDING THE THIRD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP ON  
TRADE;

(B) THE FORMAT AND AGENDA FOR THE TALKS, WHICH WOULD  
TAKE ABOUT 1 1/2 TO 2 DAYS, WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE LAST  
TWO MEETINGS: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE STATUS OF THE MTN  
IN ITS VARIOUS GROUPS, AND A FULL REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING  
OR PROSPECTIVE BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES;

(C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE BRASILIA DISCUSSIONS, AMBASSADOR  
YEUTTER'S PARTY SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED AS NECESSARY BY REPRESENT-  
ATIVES FROM STATE (CO-CHAIRMAN), COMMERCE, TREASURY AND THE OTHER  
AGENCIES WHICH NORMALLY PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS.

5. WE NOTE THAT BRAZIL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY, TUESDAY, SEPTENDER 7,  
FALLS INTO AMBASSADOR YEUTTER'S PROSPECTIVE TIME FRAME. MANY  
BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE LEAVING THE CAPITAL FOR AN  
EXTENDED WEEKEND BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2 - 3; OR GO ON HOLIDAY  
THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THE CONSUL-  
TATIONS IN BRASILIA WILL HAVE TO BE SCHEDULED EITHER  
EARLY IN THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29 OR LATE IN THE WEEK (THURSDAY  
AND FRIDAY) OF SEPTEMBER 5, WITH THE FORMER PROBABLY BEING  
PREFERABLE.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO EXPLORE  
MEETING OF SUB-GROUP PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5.  
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